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TO: Chief of Administration, DD/P

SUBJECT: Placement of Agency Comptrollers or Principal Accounting
Officers in Agency Controlled Projects

REFERENCE: Report of Auditor-in-Chief on "Round the World Inspection,"
dated 6 November 1953

1. The referenced report recommends that "a review be made of the larger subsidy and other projects to determine whether or not it is practicable to install Agency accountants in those projects where the size warrants and where none are provided." This recommendation was based upon conversations between the Auditor-in-Chief and certain subsidy project case officers in [REDACTED] who stated that since the [REDACTED] offices of certain large subsidy projects had no Agency Comptrollers, the case officers were unable to determine that sound finance operations were being performed. The case officers stated that it is highly desirable, if practicable, to have an Agency Comptroller placed in these large projects and that this could be accomplished through the [REDACTED] offices of the respective projects without violation of cover.

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2. The writer is in full accord concerning the desirability for placing an experienced Comptroller or accountant in each large Agency project to assure proper control over funds provided by the Agency and the submission of objective, accurate and prompt financial reports to the Agency showing utilization by the project of Agency funds. I am advised that the Office of the Comptroller, in collaboration with the Commercial Division, has undertaken and made effective a program to provide a source

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for the recruitment of experienced, well-trained Comptroller-type personnel for Agency projects and has supplied such personnel for all projects for which requests have been received up to this date. In addition, a number of candidates are now available to meet further needs for such personnel; however, because of the fact that very few requests for such personnel have been received, the program for establishing the availability of additional such candidates in a reserve or pool status has been temporarily discontinued.

3. I have requested the Office of the Comptroller to arrange with you for a current over-all review of all large subsidy, proprietary, and special projects, to be conducted jointly by the DD/P Divisions or Staffs concerned and the Office of the Comptroller. The purpose of such a review is to analyze the requirements for financial support personnel and/or assistance in the light of current conditions and program objectives, and to recommend such action as may be feasible in connection with installing experienced accountants in those projects where the need therefor exists.

4. After the joint review mentioned above has been completed, I should like to go over the recommendations with you in order that we may determine the specific action which needs to be taken.

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Administration

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